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SUMMARY: THE FRENCH HAVE CONTINUED TO OBJECT TO A ROUTINE
DPC REQUEST THAT POLADS REVIEW THE INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE
MEASURES (REF B). THIS WEEK, ALSO, THE FRENCH
THREATENED TO TAKE THE UNPRECEDENTED STEP OF WALKING OUT OF A
POLADS MEETING OVER THIS ISSUE. WE BELIEVE THE IS, WHICH
HAS TAKEN A FIRM LINE WITH THE FRENCH, SHOULD CONTINUE
TO TAKE THE LEAD IN MAINTAINING EXISTING PRACTICE WHICH
PERMITS FREE INTERPLAY AMONG NATO COMMITTEES. ACTION
REQUESTED: SEE PARA 10. END SUMMARY.

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1. AT THE JANUARY 25 POLADS MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN
SUGGESTED IT WAS TIME TO RESPOND TO THE DPC INVITA-
TION TO THE POLADIN THE FINAL COEC REPORT ON
HILEX 7, PARA 60(B)(A), REF A), TO REVIEW THE
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE
1972 INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES (REF B).

2. THE FRENCH REP SAID SHE HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION TO ANY POLADS REVIEW OF THE INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES; HOWEVER, SHE WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE HER POSITION ON THE PROCEDURE, I.E., WHETHER IT IS CORRECT FOR THE POLADS TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FROM THE DPC (REF C). THE CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND THE IMS, HAD COMPILED THE ORIGINAL 1972 INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON THE BASIS OF A REQUEST FROM THE DPC. THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE FRENCH DELEGATION COULD BRING THIS PROBLEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NAC. HOWEVER, IN THE ABSENCE OF CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE NAC, THE CHAIRMAN COULD ONLY FOLLOW PRECEDENT IN RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FROM SENIOR NATO COMMITTEES.

3. AT THE JANUARY 27 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN SAID ECONADS WOULD ALSO REVIEW INVENTORY ALONG LINES OF PARA 1 ABOVE; HE SOLICITED COMMENTS FROM DELEGATIONS ON THOSE ECONOMIC MEASURES THAT MIGHT BE DELETED, ADDED, OR MODIFIED TO BRING THE INVENTORY UP TO DATE. THE FRENCH REP--IN CONTRAST TO HIS POLADS COLLEAGUE--DID NOT REACT TO THE SUGGESTION.

4. FRENCH PERMREP DID NOT SUBSEQUENTLY RAISE THE SUBJECT AT PERMREPS LEVEL--ALTHOUGH HE HAD OPPORTUNITY

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TO DO SO AT TWO PERMREPS LUNCHEES AND A NAC MEETING.

5. POLADS CHAIRMAN RETAINED ISSUE ON THE AGENDA, AND CIRCULATED A DRAFT OUTLINE (SEPTOL) WHICH HE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION AT THE FEBRUARY 2 POLADS MEETING. FRENCH REP SAID SHE WAS SURPRISED THAT SHE HAD DISTRIBUTED A WORKING OUTLINE IN VIEW OF THE RESERVATIONS SHE HAD EXPRESSED THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THE CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS WERE IRREGULAR, SHE SAID, AND SHE WOULD HAVE TO INSIST ON A SUSPENSION OF DISCUSSION UNTIL THE BASIC PROCEDURAL ISSUE WAS SETTLED. THE CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD ASK THE POLADS SECRETARY TO TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF THE FRENCH REP'S STATEMENT. HOWEVER, UNTIL HE RECEIVED CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS SUPERIORS OR AS A RESULT OF A NAC DECISION, HE WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PROCEED IN VIEW OF THE PRECEDENTS FOR HANDLING THIS QUESTION.

6. FRENCH REP SAID 1972 PRECEDENT WAS NOT RELEVANT AND

THAT DPC, A COMMITTEE OF THE FOURTEEN OR RATHER THIRTEEN, COULD NOT MANDATE A TASK TO POLADS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE NAC. NAC APPROVAL WAS ESSENTIAL SINCE POLADS WORKED FOR THE NAC. FRENCH REP CONCLUDED THAT IF CHAIRMAN PROCEEDED WITH UPDATE OF THE "INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES" WITHOUT PRIOR NAC APPROVAL, SHE WOULD BE FORCED

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TO LEAVE THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN SAID HE AND, HE WAS SURE, OTHER POLADS WOULD REGRET SUCH ACTION BY THE FRENCH REP, BUT INDICATED HE INTENDED TO PROCEED. FRENCH REP THEN ASKED FOR DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURAL ISSUE, TO WHICH CHAIRMAN ACCEDED.

7. UK REP SAID FRENCH APPEARED TO BE RAISING A NEW PROCEDURAL QUESTION, AND HE DID NOT SEE WHY PRACTICE OF THE LAST TEN YEARS SHOULD BE UPSET. HIS AUTHORITIES CONSIDERED THE ISSUE PRIMARILY IN PRACTICAL TERMS, BELIEVED THAT THE ALLIANCE HAD MANY ANOMALIES WHICH COULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISTURB THE EASY FLOW OF WORK AMONG COMMITTEES, AND THOUGH POLADS SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH REVIEWING THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION. INDICATING THAT HE DID NOT SHARE FRENCH REP'S INTERPRETATION OF THE PROCEDURAL ISSUE, US REP NOTED THAT DPC HAD SIMPLY INVITED POLADS TO UPDATE A DOCUMENT POLADS HAD EARLIER PREPARED. EMPHASIZING PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION, US REP SAID THAT POLADS SHOULD RESPOND BY BEING HELPFUL, AS INDEED WAS THE NORMAL PRAC-

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POLADS AND THE IMS, MC, AND EVEN SHAPE. NOTING HE WAS EXPRESSING VIEW OF HIS AMBASSADOR AS DEAN, ITALIAN REP COMMENTED ON NEED TO EXAMINE JURISDICTIONAL ASPECTS OF QUESTION, TO SATISFY FRENCH REP, WHILE AT SAME TIME PROCEEDING WITH WORK ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN POLADS. FRENCH REP INSISTED THAT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER IT WOULD BE VERY EASY TO PASS DPC REQUESTS TO POLADS THROUGH THE NAC. CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD LEAVE THE SUBJECT ON THE AGENDA AND THAT POLADS WOULD RETURN TO IT AT THEIR NEXT REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 15.

8. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE AN UNPRECEDENTED STEP HERE FOR A MEMBER TO LEAVE A MEETING OVER A PROCEDURAL ISSUE, BUT WE BELIEVE FRENCH REP WOULD HAVE DONE SO IF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION HAD CONTINUED. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH IS MEMBERS THAT THEY AND LUNS INTEND TO CONTINUE THEIR PRESENT LINE AND DO NOT INTEND THEMSELVES TO RAISE MATTER AT PERMREPS LEVEL. SO FAR AMBASSADOR TINE ALSO APPEARS DISINCLINED TO RAISE MATTER WITH PERMREPS, WHERE OPINION WOULD LIKELY RUN AGAINST HIM AND WHERE HE COULD CERTAINLY NOT ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS TO CHANGE EXISTING PRACTICES. THERE IS SOME CHANCE, HOWEVER, THAT MATTER MAY BE SURFACED BY OTHERS AT PERMREPS LEVEL SO THAT THE FRENCH COULD INDICATE NO OBJECTION TO POLADS PROCEEDING, THEREBY PROTECTING FRENCH POSITION ON A PRINCIPLE THAT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY OTHERS.

9. WE HAVE DRAWN FULLY ON REF D IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LUNS' STAFF, WHO SHARE OUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER. AT THIS STAGE WE BELIEVE THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN HANDLING THIS MATTER. IT WOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR HAND, HOWEVER, IF WE COULD ALSO DRAW ON REF D IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER DELOFFS, SOME OF WHOM WE GATHER THINK THE FRENCH MAY HAVE A POINT IN THINKING POLADS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED BY THE COUNCIL SINCE IT IS A COMMITTEE SUBORDINATE TO THE NAC.

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10. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO DRAW ON REF D AS APPROPRIATE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER DELS.

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